

Statewide Interagency Collaboration to Support Evidence-Based Practice Scale Up: The California Autism Professional Training and Information Network (CAPTAIN)

SELPA Content Lead-ASD/CAPTAIN are excited and proud to announce their article about CAPTAIN has been published in the September 30, 2020 peer reviewed journal, Evidence-Based Practice in Child and Adolescent Mental Health. [Read the article now](#)

The First Quarterly Installment MSC Connect Newsletter is Now Available

The first quarterly installment of the Mid-State Collaborative (MSC) Connect Newsletter provides project updates, resources and professional learning opportunities, and ways in which to connect with other agencies and expertise for the Tulare Geographic Area. The MSC Connect provides regular and timely updates from across partner COEs and various leads within the Statewide System of Support. [View the new MSC Connect Newsletter.](#)

WestEd Publishes September Knowledge BRIEF

Read the Voices From the Field: County Office of Education Leaders Discuss COVID-19's Impact on California Education [report](#).

The California Association of Suburban School Districts Launches a New Website

California Association of Suburban School Districts (CALSSD) is a statewide coalition of districts that advocates for policies and funding to improve education for students in suburban schools. Member districts are working together to propose and implement strategic reforms needed to better prepare students in California's diverse suburban communities for success in college, career, and life. [View the new website.](#)

Turnaround for Children's New Action Pack

Turnaround for Children has a new Action Pack, a grab-and-go collection of tools and resources to guide staff, schools and school systems in [Responding to Crisis Within A Tiered Supports System](#). Guidance is provided on roles and responsibilities throughout a school community and paired with ready-to-use tools for making a referral, engaging caregivers and families, monitoring for progress and connecting the dots with a mental health agency. [The resources include curated, topic-specific tools.](#) [View and share these free resources.](#)

California Department of Education Updated User Guide

The California Department of Education (CDE) is pleased to provide our local educational agencies (LEAs) with a newly updated user guide for LEAs to assist with meeting statutory requirements for tracking daily participation and engagement. [Access the guide now.](#) For additional questions please contact attendanceaccounting@cde.ca.gov.

Interim Assessments Available for Distance Learning

The CDE will continue to make the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments available for remote administration during distance learning through the 2020–2021 school year. There are more than 160 interim assessments available. Educators who need assistance with remote administration can access instructions on the [CAASPP Interim Assessment Administration Resources web page](#).

Tools for Teachers Resources

[Tools for Teachers](#) is the new formative assessment component of the Smarter Balanced assessment system. It is an online collection of resources aligned with the [Common Core State Standards](#) that supports K–12 teachers in their use of the formative assessment process to adjust teaching to improve student learning. [Overview and Demonstration Videos](#)

CA Dyslexia Initiative (CDI)

Section 119 of the [Education Omnibus Trailer Bill \(Assembly Bill 77\) for the 2019–20 California State Budget](#) appropriated \$4 million to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to allocate to a designated county office of education (COE) for the CDI. The goals of the CDI include building capacity in the statewide system of support for school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to provide early intervention services and supports for students with specific learning disabilities. When available, information will be posted regarding applications. [Visit site](#) here.